CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 16, 2020 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Watson, and Deputy City Clerk Cleary (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There was no public comment.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:17 p.m. for: **Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code Section 54956.9.** Robert Prescott v. City of Santa Maria, WCAB case number ADJ11556638.

INVOCATION
Councilmember Waterfield gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Soto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Fire Chief Leonard Champion, Chief of Police Phillip Hansen, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, City Librarian Mary Housel, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Chief Human Resources Officer Elena Morelos, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Community Programs Manager Rosie Rojo, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Assistant Director of Recreation & Parks Brett Fulgoni, Management Analyst I (Human Resources) Katrina Carrasco, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson announced that, with respect to the existing litigation with Robert Prescott and the City of Santa Maria, there was a unanimous vote to enter into settlement.

1 **PROCLAMATIONS**
Mayor Patino presented a proclamation in recognition of Juan and Patricia Torres and their work with the Salvation Army.

2 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
Gale McNeeley spoke about the Mayor's term.

3 **CONSENT CALENDAR**
Consent Calendar Items 3A-3O were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2020-51, 2020-52, 2020-53, 2020-54, 2020-55, 2020-56, 2020-57, 2020-58; and Ordinance Nos. 2020-05, 2020-06, and 2020-07. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 2, 2020.

Action: Minutes approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Review staff's recommended response to the Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury Report entitled "Cyber-Attacks Threaten Santa Barbara County"; and authorize the Mayor to sign and transmit the City's response to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, a copy to the current impaneled Grand Jury, and file a copy with the City Clerk's Office.

Action: Grand Jury Report on Cyber-Attacks approved and authorized to transmit to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

D. Adopt a Resolution approving the sixth amendment to the operating agreement with the County of Santa Barbara for animal control services.

Action: Sixth amendment to animal control services agreement approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-51. 5-0.

E. Adopt Resolutions required in conjunction with the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2020, calling and giving notice of the General Municipal Election; requesting the Board of Supervisors consolidate the City's General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election and requesting certain services from the County; and establishing regulations for candidates' statements.

Action: Calling of the election, consolidation with the Board of Supervisors, and regulations for candidates' statements approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution Nos. 2020-52, 2020-53, 2020-54. 5-0.

F. Receive and file the 2020 Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Notice.

Action: Biennial Notice received and filed.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Conduct the second reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 2020-06 regulating mobile billboards and advertising signs improperly affixed to vehicles.

Action: The second reading and adoption of Ordinance regulating mobile billboards was conducted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Ordinance No. 2020-06. 5-0.

H. Conduct the second reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 2020-07 regulating, and allowing for the impoundment of, unattended property left blocking streets, sidewalks, and public property.

Action: The second reading and adoption of Ordinance regulating unattended property was conducted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Ordinance No. 2020-07. 5-0.

I. Conduct the second reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 2020-05 amending the Zoning Map for 1.3 acres **FROM** PD/M-1 (Planned Development/Light Manufacturing) **TO** PD/C-2 (Planned Development/ General Commercial) zoning district for 1223 Fairway Drive.

Action: The second reading and adoption of Ordinance amending the Zoning Map for 1223 Fairway Drive was conducted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Ordinance No. 2020-05. 5-0.

J. Adopt a Resolution approving the City's participation in a County Consortium to receive Permanent Local Housing Allocation funds by the State of California.

Action: City participation in County Consortium to receive funds by the State of California approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-55. 5-0.

K. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

L. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. 5-0.

M. Adopt a Resolution approving the City of Santa Maria's 2020 Investment Policy, and delegating the authority for implementing the Investment Policy and oversight responsibility to the City's Investment Officer.

Action: 2020 Investment Policy approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-56. 5-0.

N. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works (or their designee) to execute the Certificates and Assurances and authorized agent forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program for the Youth Adventure Pass; and approving receipt of FY 2019/20 program grant funding in the amount of $40,000.

Action: LCTOP for Youth Adventure Pass grant funding approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
No. 2020-57. 5-0.

O. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works (or their designee) to execute the Certifications and Assurances and authorized agent forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program for the Transit Fleet Electrification and Infrastructure Project; and approving receipt of FY 2019/20 program grant funding in the amount of $13,826.

Action: LCTOP and Transit Fleet Electrification & Infrastructure Project funding approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted No. 2020-58. 5-0.

4 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS ASSESSMENTS.** The City Council considered protests related to the 2020-2021 Annual Assessments for the City's four Landscape Maintenance Districts – Northwest Landscape Maintenance District, Northeast Landscape Maintenance District, Southwest Landscape Maintenance District, South Miller Street/South College Drive Landscape Maintenance District, and the 24 associated Special Benefit Zones. Director of Recreation & Parks Posada gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Adopt a Resolution confirming the diagram and assessment rates for the South Miller Street/South College Drive Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. DS-6, and its associated Special Benefit Zones for Fiscal Year 2020-21.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.

Action: Adopt a Resolution confirming the diagram and assessment rates for the Northwest Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. DS-9, and its associated Special Benefit Zones for Fiscal Year 2020-21.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-60. 5-0.

Action: Adopt a Resolution confirming the diagram and assessment rates for the Northeast Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. DS-10, and its associated Special Benefit Zones for Fiscal Year 2020-21.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-61. 5-0.

Action: Adopt a Resolution confirming the diagram and assessment rates for the Southwest Landscape Maintenance Assessment District No. DS-11, and its associated Special Benefit Zones for Fiscal Year 2020-21.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-62. 5-0.

B. **CITY OF SANTA MARIA'S PROPOSED 2020-2022 BUDGET.**
The City Council considered the proposed 2020-22 City Budget. City Manager Stilwell gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input

Deputy City Clerk Cleary indicated that at least 150 letters and emails had been received asking that the pool and library be opened as soon as possible. Several letters were received asking that the City take needed funds from the Police department. Written correspondence was also received from the Museum of Flight asking for continued collaboration with the City, as well as funding.

Michael Ashmore and Dean Garcia spoke in favor of opening the Paul Nelson pool.

Gale McNeeley spoke about the need for increased funding for youth services.

Beth Sweetwater spoke about the need for a citizens' community group in the City that would allow for increased input from the community with regard to big decisions the City Council makes.

Matt Chircop, President of the City Firefighters Local 2020 Union, spoke against the proposed budget.

Abraham Melendrez spoke about redirecting funds into community well-being and housing.

Elias Solorio spoke about redirecting funds from the Police Department into opening the pool, library, and increasing youth programs.

Laura Arteaga, representing the Central Coast Literacy Council, spoke in favor of funding and reopening the library sooner than later.

Cindy Gough spoke against de-funding the Police Department.

Action: Resolution No. 2020-63 was adopted, approving the proposed 2020-22 budget as presented, with an amendment to reallocate funding from Capital Projects – General Fund to reopen the library and pool as early as allowed and feasible, appropriate a total of $51,702 to the Mayor's Task Force each fiscal year, and authorize the City Manager to implement same.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Moats.
Motion carried. Adopted - ***Resolution No. 2020-63. 5-0.***

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that staff was recently notified that there had been an outbreak of COVID-19 at the Country Oaks Care Center in Santa Maria, resulting in five deaths. The next regular City Council meeting would be July 7, 2020, and a County of Santa Barbara Public Health Department representative will be at that meeting for an update. The Chambers will be open to the public for that meeting with social distancing rules in place. Other items on the agenda would include a presentation of the Hometown Heroes. Some of the businesses in the City have been self-certifying and have begun reopening while practicing social distancing. The City and Chamber of Commerce are helping to support them as needed.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmembers Moats and Waterfield had no reportable items.

Councilmember Soto reported she attended the Housing & Community Development Policy committee meeting for the League of CA Cities.

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a Budget Review meeting.

Mayor Patino reminded everyone to wear masks. She also reported she attended a COVID-19 roundtable with the Recreation & Parks Department; a Monterey Bay Community Power Policy Board Meeting; the EconAlliance Resiliency with California State Treasurer, Fiona Ma; several briefing calls regarding COVID-19; and the North County Subregional Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on July 7, 2020.

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City of Santa Maria
City Council Meeting

June 16, 2020

M. Beth Cleary

M. Beth Cleary, CMC
Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

M. Beth Cleary

M. Beth Cleary, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino

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Mayor of the City of Santa Maria